



Tips for Grandparents *who are* Raising Grandchildren in Illinois

These simple suggestions have been developed by the Task Force on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Illinois to assist older adult caregivers in their efforts to provide quality care for their family's children. The Task Force can be reached through the Illinois Department on Aging's toll-free Senior HelpLine, **1-800-252-8966** (Voice and TTY).

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Who does DSCC help?

Any Illinois child from birth to age 21 may qualify for no-cost diagnostic services if it is suspected that an eligible medical condition exists. DSCC can also provide financial assistance if the child has an eligible medical condition which can be improved through medical treatment and the family needs help to afford the treatment.

What conditions are eligible for services?

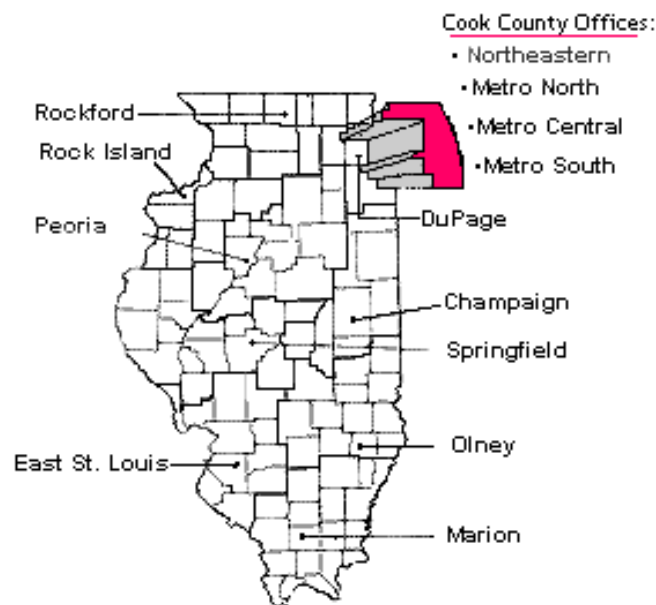
A child must have a treatable chronic condition in one of the following categories to be medically eligible for services:

- ▶ Orthopedic conditions (bone, muscle, joint disease);
- ▶ Heart defects;
- ▶ Hearing loss;
- ▶ Neurological conditions (nerve, brain, spinal cord);
- ▶ Certain birth defects;
- ▶ Disfiguring defects such as cleft lip, cleft palate, and severe burn scars;
- ▶ Speech conditions which need medical/dental treatment;
- ▶ Certain inborn metabolic problems, including phenylketonuria (PKU), galactosemia, and congenital hypothyroidism;
- ▶ Eye impairments including cataract, glaucoma, strabismus and certain retinal conditions – excluding isolated refractive errors;
- ▶ Urinary system impairments (kidney, ureter, bladder).

DSCC only provides specialized medical care and services. DSCC cannot provide help for acute childhood illnesses, routine dental or well-child care, immunizations, or school physical examinations.

How do I apply for help for my child?

Call your nearest DSCC office and request application forms. The application forms will ask you to provide financial and health care information about your child and family. Both the financial information forms and the medical reports must be completed and reviewed by a DSCC consultant before DSCC can tell you whether or not you qualify.



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